(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Department of Food and Public Distribution has not received any request from the Chief Minister of West Bengal for placement of adequate funds for procurement of foodgrains during Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08.

(b) Does not arise.

Revival of Super Bazar

54. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to revive the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, by when the chain of stores would start functioning in Delhi; and

(c) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Cooperative Store Ltd., (Super Bazar), Delhi is under liquidation since July, 2002. The Super Bazar Karmachari Dalit Sangh has filed Special Leave Petition No. 8398-8399/2005 in the Supreme Court challenging the order of winding up of Super Bazar. The Supreme Court in its order dated 12.07.2007 *inter-alia* directed to the Committee to invite the bids to start Super Bazar afresh. Accordingly, the bids were invited by the Official Liquidator on 3.8.2007. Only three bids were received. These bids were opened on the same day in presence of the representatives of the bidders. The evaluation report of the bids has been submitted by the Committee before the Supreme Court on 31.8.2007. The next date of hearing of the case fixed by the Supreme Court is 12.2.2008. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Subsidy on food items

55. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving subsidy on food items like rice and other to the poor families, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what is the future policy of Government on food item subsidy especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and some other welfare schemes (OWS), subsidized foodgrains (rice and wheat) are distributed to all the States at Central Issue Prices (CIPs). The difference between the economic cost of foodgrains and CIP is borne by the Central Government as food subsidy. The food subsidy released during the last 3 years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Food subsidy	25,746.45	23,071.00	23,827.59

The food subsidy is released to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the State Governments who have opted for decentralized procurement (DCP). A Statement showing the amount of food subsidy released to the FCI and various States under DCP scheme during the last three years is enclosed (*See* below). The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not opted for the scheme of decentralised procurement and hence no food subsidy is directly released to the State. However, subsidized foodgrains are released to the State under TPDS and OWS.

(c) At present no change is proposed in the policy of issuing subsidized foodgrains to the States including Andhra Pradesh under TPDS and OWS.

Statement

DETAILS OF AMOUNT OF FOOD SUBSIDY RELEASED TO FCI AND DCP DURING LAST THREE YEARS.

Amount of food subsidy released directly to the FCI and DCP States during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
FCI	23280.00	19871.00	20786.21
DCP States			
Chhattisgarh	628.87	550.40	419.05
Madhya Pradesh	118.75	219.71	34.74
Orissa	40.96	70.79	180.13
Tamil Nadu	27.21	221.40	272.81
Uttarakhand	92.73	78.08	94.19
Uttar Pradesh	1377.96	1821.27	1779.80
West Bengal	179.97	191.21	197.23
Karnataka	—	10.07	—
Kerala	—	37.07	63.43
Total	25746.45	23071.00	23827.59

NOTE: Andhra Pradesh has not opted for the DCP scheme so far and no subsidy is released directly to the State.

CGHS dispensaries in Ghaziabad and Noida

56. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open more C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Ghaziabad and Noida and other places around Delhi, forming part of National Capital Region as the number of Central Government employees and pensioners moving to these towns is increasing; and